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I. *How to make hair to grow.*

TAke half a pound of *Aqua Mellis*, in the ſpring time of the year, warm a little of it every morning when you riſe in a ſauſer or ſuch a thing; and tie a little ſponge to a fine Box Comb, and dip it in the ſaid water; and therewith moiſten the very roots of your hair in combing it, and it will grow long, thick, and curled in a very ſhort ſpace.

II. *How to write letters either Black, Blew, Red, or Green, without Pen or Inke.*

Take the aſhes of burned paper, with a little Sallet-oyl and mingle it like a thick Ointment; then take paper, warm it a little by the fire, and annoint it over with the foreſaid Ointment, and when you would write, lay this anointed ſide of your Paper upon a clean ſheet of Paper: then take a peece of any ſtrong wier, or a little ſtick ſmooth and ſmall at the end: then write therewith upon the ſaid Paper, and it will appear moſt plainly upon the white Paper. If you would have your letters blew, take Indigo, if green, Verdigreace.

III. *How to write letters of ſecrets ſeverall wayes that can be read by none without this inſtruction following.*

Take fine Alloen, beat it ſmall, and put a reaſonable quantity of it into a little water, then write with the ſaid water, the which writing cannot be read, but by ſteeping your Paper afterwards in fair water.

You may likewiſe write with Vinegar or the juyce of a Lemon, or of an Onyon; then when you would read the ſame, you muſt heat your Paper againſt the fire.

Moreover, if you will anoynt a piece of Paper with Candlegreace, and lay it upon another white Paper, then write thereon, next open your Paper aſunder, and ſtrew a little Powder upon your Paper, and whatſoever colour you Powder be of, your writing will appear of the ſame colour.

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IV. *How any that in necessity are troubled with Lice or any other Vermin may destroy them suddenly.*

Take Laurell Oyle half an ounce, three penniworth of Quick Silver, mingle them well, and anoint therewith the places where you have most Vermin, and you shall suddenly be clear from all such things.

V. *How to make a Horse to have a good hoof.*

Take Cowdung and Chimney soot, mingle them, beat them, and apply them to the Horse his hoofs, and bind it on with some course thing, and it will do the effect.

VI. *How to make Wine to be Odoriferous.*

Stick a Lemond or an Orange full of Cloaves, then fasten it to the inside of the Barrell, in such sort that it touch not the Wine, then stop your vessel very well, that the Odour go not forth, and it will be excellent.

VII. *How to make strong Vineger.*

Take Gooseberries and wild Mulberries when they are green, dry them, beat them into Powder, and then make a paste of them with strong Vineger, of which you shall make little round Balls, then take your wine, and boyl all together, and it will prove excellent good Vineger.

VIII. *How to make haire of any colour to become black.*

Take a little Aqua fortis, put there in a great or six pence according to the quantity of the foresaid water, then set both to dissolve before the fire. Lastly, dip a little Spunge in the said water, and wet your beard or haire therewith, but touch not the skin.

IX. *How to make a Candle burn in water and endure a long time.*

Take a Candle and stick at the bottom of it as much Lead as will make it stand upright in a paile of water, and not sink, and the Candle will endure burning therein a long time.

X. *How to keep wine from sowring.*

Tie a piece of very salt Bacon on the inside of your barrell, so as it touch not the Wine, in so doing your Wine will never sowre.

XI. *How to ripen muskmelons, and ſuch other fruit before their ſeaſon.*

You muſt plant them in dry weather, and once every third or fourth day water them with warm water, and ſo they will be ripe before their ſeaſon.

XII. *How to clear your feet from ſweat.*

Take the filings of Pins, otherwayes called Pin-duſt, put a little thereof into your ſhoes or Boots, and it will keep your feet clear from ſweat.

XIII. *How to take out ſpots of Oyl or Greace.*

Take the bones of Sheeps feet, burn them almoſt to aſhes, then bruiſe them to Powder, and put of it upon your ſpots, and lay all before the Sunne when it ſhines hotteſt; when the Powder becomes black lay on freſh in the place till it ſuck out the ſpots, which is done in very ſhort time.

XIV. *How to keep Meat freſh and ſweet a long time without ſalt.*

Put your Meat in Flower, Meale or Bran, and therein it will keep freſh and ſweet a long time, or elſe caſt beaten Coriander ſeed and Vinegar on it, and it will doe the ſame.

XV. *How to make a Powder that will make good Ink in an inſtant.*

Take Roman Vitrioll, and Copperas, as much of the one as of the other; beat this into powder, mingle it, and put of it into a little water; and on the preſent it will be very good Ink: likewiſe if you ſtrew of the ſame Powder upon white paper and write thereon with a little faire water, the letters will appear preſently black.

XVI. *How to cure the Ague quartan, tertian, or quotidian.*

First take advice of your Doctor; that will be I know to purge, and let blood, which indeed is a great preparation for obtaining of health in all diſeaſes; yet none can preſcribe any certain rule for this purpoſe, but ſuch a Doctor as partly knowes the conſtitution of your body, and the nature of your diſeaſe; therefore if your ague ſtick to you after you have been under the Doctors hands, take little pieces of Allom,

ſcrape

ſcrape and cut them to the faſhion of Pills, and let them that are very young, very old, or very weak take three of theſe Allom pills in three ſpoonfulls of Annis ſeed water; let the ſtronger ſort take five or ſix, in the ſame manner; this is a remedy whereby I never failed to cure as many as ever I took in hand, obſerving likewiſe if you can to uſe Cardus Benedictus boyled in poſſet drink for your ordinary drink; eſpecially when you have a mind to ſweat.

XVII. *How to appeaſe the pain of the Toothach.*

Take a little Cotton and dip it into eſſence of Cloves which you may have at the Apothecaries, thruſt the ſaid dipt Cotten in the hollowneſſe of your tooth, and it wil appeaſe the preſent pain.

XVIII. *How to make haire grow where there is none.*

Take Bees and burn them upon a fire ſhovell, or ſuch a thing then boyle the aſhes of the Bees in Sallet oyle, then anoint therewith the place where you would have haire to grow and you ſhall obtain your wiſh in a ſhort time.

XIX. *How to make a moſt wholſome and pleaſing meſſe of Broth for a ſick body though his ſtomack be never ſo weak for other things.*

Take the yolks of two new Egs, put them in a little pipkin for that purpoſe, ſqueeze therin the juyce of a Lemon or two, then take a good Ladle full of good broth out of another pot that boyles, firſt beat the Egs yolkes and Lemon juyce very well together; then put in the ſayd broth, but let it not be too ſalt by no means, then ſtir all together upon an eaſie fire, and at the firſt boyl thereof take it off and give it the ſick body upon a little bread according to your diſcretion.

XX. *How to make ones hands and face ſmooth and faire.*

Take bitter Almonds, ſteep them overnight in water, then pill off their skins with your fingers, and then beat them very well in a morter with two or three yolks of Egges; uſe this paſte to waſh your face & hands often, and it will make your skin ſmooth and faire: to weare dogge leather gloves is likewiſe

wise good for that purpose, but specially any little delicate gloves, rub them well with some of the sweetest smelling oyl before a fire and weare these gloves under others awhile, there is nothing in the world better for that purpose.

I have some things extraordinary which I cannot communicate to any but them that have need of my help, and will make use of me. I have written here something to satisfie the curious, but I must confesse they are but trifles in comparison of my manuall operations, which I presume to be as expert in as any man in *Europe* whatsoever he be, as my approbation of some of the best Doctors of this Age shall justify if need requires.

I say again, I have some things extraordinary, which I cannot communicate publiquely, but those that need my help may repair to me, and I will satisfy their desires.

I glory not in knowing or doing much, but in doing well that which I undertake.

I help those that are sick of bleeding without any the least pain to the party. *probatum est.*

Those that are pained with the Tooth-ach may (without drawing their teeth) have present ease and remedy.

I can also help the Bloody flux, though they have been long troubled therewith.

I can give remedies against all kinds of Fevers, and can help quotidian, tertian, and quartan Agues.

I have likewise a most rare and pretious approved Balsom for to ease any pain about the joynts and limbs, and to heal old Sores, or green wounds by cuts or stabs in a short time.

I have also certain Mineral Seeds, whose vertues are found to be good against diver sorts of maladies.

I live at present in Stanhop-street *over against the* Blackmoores-head *neere the new Market, in* St. Clements *Parish, where they that have need of me, may finde me to give them all reasonable satisfaction, God willing.*

Per me FRANCISCO DICKINSON *Operator.*